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SECURITY INFORMATION

5 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Material for PSB Luncheon re Brainwashing

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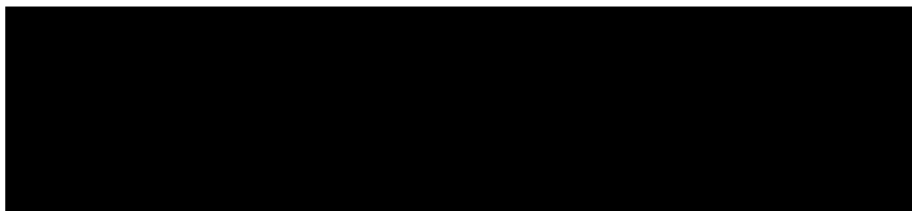
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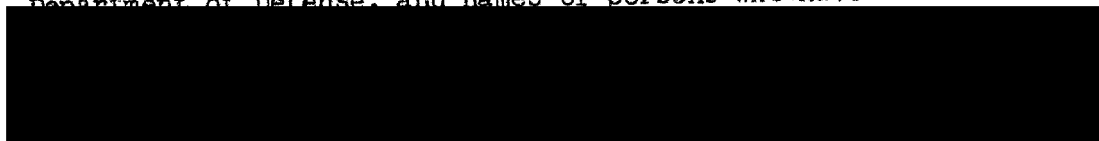
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b. As soon as this group is formed all available facts will be presented to it including the film, evidence from the Department of Defense, and names of persons who have been



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c. An interdepartmental working group^{25X1A} was formed consisting of representatives of PSB ([redacted] , Chairman, Defense (William Godel), State (Mr. Ritter in Mr. Phillips' office), and CIA [redacted] . The primary concern of this group is to collect all available facts and to prepare itself to service [redacted] group when formed.

d. State and Defense were to consider an appropriate statement for release in the near future and to make recommendations as to the appropriate person, agency, or department to make the release. This statement is being cleared through my office Thursday morning and will be immediately transmitted to you in time for your luncheon.

4. Additional issues which you may wish to consider for discussion:

a. ^{25X1A} Some of the material which might be relevant to the work of [redacted] committee may be classified, and some of it may be highly sensitive. PSB may wish to determine who should decide whether or not such material should in fact be presented.

b. As a report, you might wish to state that a quick search of CIA shows little scientific evidence in support of brainwashing, but rather massive evidence in the form of case reports or circumstantial evidence leading to the conclusion that it is not a difficult matter given the time to force almost anyone to make an inaccurate statement, provided that the time at which the statement is to be made can be controlled and the individual is not required to continue his willingness to lie for a long period.

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c. An important issue for PSB is presented by b above, namely, to what extent does it wish to consider through the [REDACTED] committee the length of time for which brainwashing may be effective. It would seem that the evidence on this point is inconclusive and might, therefore, require a long period of consideration before any answer could be attempted. My suggestion would be to eliminate this point unless it can be determined within a reasonably short period of time, and adopt [REDACTED] suggestion to continue the committee in being for consideration of this subject over an indefinite term.

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Chief
Political and Psychological Warfare

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